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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. ANNIVERSARY OF OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE: PRO-COMMUNIST PRESS CAPITALIZED ON THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF COUP AGAINST ALLENDE, WHILE OTHER PRESS CARRIED MODERATE COVERAGE OF PRO-ALLENDE DEMONSTRATIONS BY INTERSINDICAL LABOR ORGANIZATION AND LEFTIST GROUPS. STATE TELEVISION NETWORK (RTP) GAVE THE ANNIVERSARY MAJOR PLAY IN ITS SEPT 11, 12 PRIME-TIME EVENING NEWSCASTS. SEPT 11 NEWSCAST BEGAN UNCHARACTERISTICALLY WITH DRAMATIC PLAYBACK OF SCENES OF FIGHTING IN CHILEAN COUP, THEN CARRIED LENGTHY LEAD ITEM ABOUT WHAT WAS CALLED "THE FASCIST COUP...DURING WHICH ALLENDE WAS ASSASSINATED...." A FRENCH-MADE "DOCUMENTARY" ENTITLED "LA SPIRAL" BEGAN DIRECTLY AFTER SEPT 11 NEWSCAST, AROUND 9 P.M. AND CONTINUED FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS. PRESENTED AS "NOTHING BUT THE FACTS," FILM ACTUALLY WENT OUT OF ITS WAY TO IMPLICATE U.S. IN ALLENDE OVERTHROW--EVEN INSERTING SEVERAL MINUTES OF FOOTAGE ON "HISTORY OF U.S. INTERVENTIONS SINCE 1902." MESSAGE OF THE FILM: ALLENDE GOVERNMENT MET ASPIRATIONS OF CHILEAN PEOPLE, AND ITS FALL WAS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF U.S.

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2. KISSINGER AND SOUTHERN AFRICA: ROUTINE NEWS COVERAGE.  
NO COMMENTARIES EXCEPT FOR COMMUNIST "O DIARIO,"  
WHICH SAID U.S. MEDIATION HAD BEEN CONCEIVED AS MEANS  
OF "SAVING THE INTERESTS OF IMPERIALISM IN EVERY WAY  
POSSIBLE...."

3. U.S. INVESTMENTS IN PORTUGAL: PRESS, RADIO, TV  
CARRIED PROMINENT PLAY ON GOP REPORT THAT TOTAL  
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN PORTUGAL INCREASED IN 1975 IN  
COMPARISON TO 1974. THE U.S. WAS GIVEN IMPORTANT  
MENTION AS THE LEADING INVESTOR NATION LAST YEAR.  
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